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1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING TO WESTERN SAMOAN AUTHORITIES:

A. POSSIBILITY OF U.S. ACCESSION TO SUBJECT CONVENTION
IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION WITHIN USG. THIS NECESSARILY
WOULD ENTAIL APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORI-
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TIES IN U.S. TERRITORIES CONCERNED, WHICH WILL TAKE SOME
TIME FURTHER, BEFORE WE COULD ARRIVE AT FINAL U.S. POSITION.

B. AS U.S. WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT JUNE 1976 APIA MEETING
AT WHICH CONVENTION WAS DRAWN UP, WE ARE UNFAMILIAR AT
FIRST HAND WITH WHATEVER PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS MAY HAVE
BEEN DEVELOPED BY ATTENDING STATES, OTHER THAN AS SPELLED

OUT IN LANGUAGE OF CONVENTION ITSELF. IT IS UNCLEAR TO US THEREFORE WHAT IS MEANT BY EXTENSION UNTIL JUNE 30, 1978 OF DATE FOR CONVENTION TO COME INTO FORCE (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO CONVENTION TEXT, CONVENTION IS OPEN FOR SIGNATURE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1977, AND CONVENTION COMES INTO FORCE 90 DAYS AFTER DATE ON WHICH THE FOURTH ACCESSION

OR RATIFICATION IS DEPOSITED WITH WESTERN SAMOA. WE NOTE, TOO, THAT, IN COMMON WITH MANY OTHER TREATIES, THIS CONVENTION IS OPEN INDEFINITELY FOR ACCESSION BY STATES CONCERNED (ARTICLE XII), WHETHER OR NOT THEY MAY HAVE SIGNED THE DOCUMENT BY DECEMBER 31, 1977. WHAT THEN IS MEANING OF JUNE 30, 1978 DATE? WE WOULD NOT WANT TO MISS SOME KIND OF PROCEDURAL DEADLINE THROUGH LACK OF APPRECIATION OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE, AND WE MIGHT WISH TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION, IF NEEDED.

C. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CURRENT INFORMATION AS TO WHICH STATES HAVE NOW BECOME PARTIES TO CONVENTION.

2. PLEASE ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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